

OPTIMIZATION OF HEAT TRANSFER PROPERTIES OF NANOFLUID FLOW OVER A SHRINKING SURFACE THROUGH MATHEMATICAL MODELING

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In the current study, a three dimensional incompressible magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) nanofluid flow over a shrinking surface with associated thermal buoyancy, thermal radiation, and heating absorption effects, as well as viscous dissipation have been investigated. The model has been represented in a set of partial differential equations and is transformed using suitable similarity transformations which are then solved by using the finite element method through COMSOL. The results for velocity and temperature profiles are provided for various values of the shrinking parameter, Biot's number, heat generation/absorption parameter, thermal Grashof number, nanoparticle volume fraction, permeability parameter, magnetic parameter and radiation parameter.

Key words: magnetohydrodynamics, nanofluid, velocity, 3D flow, thermal and heat absorption effects, shrinking surface.

1. Introduction

Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) is concerned with the study of the interaction between magnetic fields and fluid conductors of electricity. The body force which arises in MHD is the Lorentz force that occurs when an electric current flows at an angle to the direction of an applied magnetic field. In the beginning, the researchers were working on the basic structure of a magnetic fluid flowing over a boundary layer, but during the last few decades, numerous scientists motivated us to examine the magnetohydrodynamic stream of nanofluid flow over various geometries in order to examine heat transfer properties and possible industrial applications.

The magnetohydrodynamic mixed convection inside the center heater has been investigated numerically using the finite volume method [1]. Researchers have studied the flow of MHD over a shrinking surface in the presence of a magnetic field [2, 3]. Various physical properties of MHD flow over a stretching sheet have been investigated [4, 5]. The stagnation-point flow of a nanofluid over a vertical permeable surface has been studied numerically using the Runge-Kutta method [6]. The heat mass transfer on MHD nanofluid flow over a two-dimensional sheet in the presence of considered physical parameters have been examined [7-9]. In the presence of radiation and chemical reaction parameters, the heat and mass transfer of a Casson nanofluid flow through a vertical plate has been examined [10]. Heat and mass flux with isothermal properties of nanofluid flow have been investigated [11, 12].

The heat and mass transfer analysis of an MHD nanofluid flow with homogeneous-heterogeneous reactions have been investigated and the size of the nanoparticles has also been analyzed [13-15]. The peristaltic flow of a nanofluid in a channel with compliant walls has been examined [16]. The Powell-Eyring nanofluid, Jeffery nanofluid, and second-grade nanofluid have been studied in different flow geometries for velocity, temperature and concentration distributions [17-19]. Important physical aspects of a nanofluid flow

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with convection have been explored [20, 21]. The stagnation point flow of a nanofluid and its behavior in a porous medium have been studied with dimensional analysis [22, 23]. The effects of variable thickness of the flow through a stretching sheet have been analyzed. The developed mathematical model has been solved using the natural decomposition method [24]. A numerical study has been presented for a nanofluid flow in a rotating channel containing a carbon nanotube [25]. A mathematical model has been developed for Darcy Forchheimer's effects on the three-dimensional nanofluid flow [26]. Radiation in a nanofluid flow through a semi-permeable duct with Joule heating has been investigated [27]. A nanofluid flow over a cone with bio-convection and entropy generation has been investigated [28]. A similarity transformation has been used to study the model for a nanofluid flow over a cone with solutal stratification [29].

Heat and mass transfer analysis for a Casson nanofluid flow over a rotating cylinder has been carried out [30]. An increase in the relaxation time increases the boundary layer width of nanofluid flow over a static wedge [31]. Nanofluid transportation due to an electric field has been studied numerically using the control volume method [32]. Heat transfer analysis for the rotational flow over a stretching surface has been examined [33]. The magnetohydrodynamic flow of a Maxwell fluid over an exponentially stretching surface has been studied with nanomaterials on the surface [34]. A numerical study has been carried out on the thin film flow of a nanofluid [35]. The results for a silver-water nanofluid flow over a stretching cylinder with homogeneous-heterogeneous reactions have been presented [36]. An unsteady flow of carbon nanotubes based nanofluid with homogeneous-heterogeneous reactions has been examined [37]. The silver water-based nanofluid flow over a nonlinear stretching cylinder has been studied numerically using the shooting method [38]. The magnetohydrodynamic couple stress nanofluid flow over an exponentially stretching surface with Joule heating and viscous dissipation effects have been studied [39].

The nanoparticle's solidification process in a heat storage system has been investigated through the finite element method [40]. The radiative heat transfer of a water-based nanofluid has been studied numerically through the control volume method [41]. A three-dimensional nanofluid flow over an exponentially stretching surface has been studied by the homotopy analysis method [42]. The viscoelastic flow of a non-Newtonian nanofluid has been studied through the finite difference method [43]. Heat transfer enhancement has been presented for a Maxwell nanofluid [44]. A micropolar nanofluid flow over a stretching sheet has been investigated with the help of the finite difference method [45]. The magnetohydrodynamic nanofluid flow on a stretching sheet has been investigated with slip conditions [46].

In the present study, a three-dimensional MHD nanofluid flow over a porous shrinking surface is considered in the presence of a magnetic field. The thermal and heat absorption effects along with thermal radiation and viscous dissipation have been presented in the flow. Using a similarity transformation, a set of governing partial differential equations has been transformed into nonlinear ordinary differential equations. The solution of nonlinear-coupled differential equations is achieved by the finite element method. COMSOL Multiphysics has been used to obtain the solution of the nonlinear coupled differential equations. The results for velocity and temperature distributions are obtained for different values of a shrinking parameter (A), Biot's number (Bi), heat generation/absorption parameter (χ), thermal Grashof number (Gr), nanoparticle volume fraction (ϕ), permeability parameter (Kp), magnetic parameter (M) and radiation parameter (R).

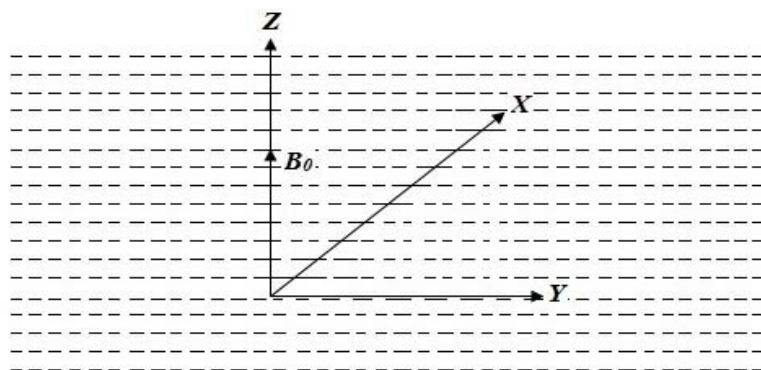


Fig.1. Schematic diagram of the flow.

2. Formulation of the problem

A three-dimensional conducting nanofluid flow over a porous shrinking surface is considered as shown in Fig.1. The uniform magnetic field (B_0) is directed in the z direction. The induced magnetic field is considered zero as compared to the applied magnetic field. The effect of the electric field is also considered zero. A mathematical model has been extended to study the thermal buoyancy and heat absorption effects along with the thermal radiation and heat dissipation. The change in the viscosity due to the applied magnetic field is also considered. The modified model for the proposed flow is as follows

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0, \quad (2.1)$$

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = v \left(1 + \frac{3}{2} \phi_l \lambda \right) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} - \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho_n} u - \frac{\psi}{K_p} u + g\beta(T - T_\infty), \quad (2.2)$$

$$u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = v \left(1 + \frac{3}{2} \phi_l \lambda \right) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} - \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{\rho_n} v - \frac{\psi}{K_p} v + g\beta(T - T_\infty), \quad (2.3)$$

$$u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \alpha_n \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} - \frac{l}{(\rho C_p)_n} \frac{\partial q_r}{\partial z} + \frac{\mu_l}{(\rho C_p)_n} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right)^2 - \frac{Q_0}{(\rho C_p)_n} (T - T_\infty). \quad (2.4)$$

The boundary conditions for the model are as follows

$$\begin{aligned} u = ax, \quad v = a(m-1)y, \quad w = -W, \quad -k_f \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = h(T_f - T) \quad \text{at} \quad z = 0, \\ u \rightarrow 0, \quad v \rightarrow 0, \quad T \rightarrow T_\infty \quad \text{as} \quad z \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

where a is a constant and becomes positive or negative for a stretching or shrinking sheet, respectively. Along the x direction, the considered shrinking sheet shrinks for $m = 1$ and it shrinks axisymmetric for $m = 2$.

In Eqs (2.2)-(2.3), the expression $g\beta(T - T_\infty)$ indicates the thermal buoyancy effects and the expression $\frac{Q_0}{(\rho C_p)_n} (T - T_\infty)$ represents the heat absorption effect. The expression $\left(1 + \frac{3}{2} \phi_l \lambda \right)$ indicates the magnetic field dependent viscosity. If we exclude the effects of thermal buoyancy, heat absorption effects and magnetic field dependent viscosity effects in the flow, this model will be reduced to the model previously published in [2].

The nanofluid characteristic parameters can be written as follows[24]

$$\rho_n = (1 - \phi) \rho_f + \phi \rho_s, \quad (2.6)$$

$$\mu_n = \frac{\mu_f}{(1 - \phi)^{2.5}}, \quad (2.7)$$

$$\alpha_n = \frac{k_n}{(\rho C_p)_n}, \quad (2.8)$$

$$(\rho C_p)_n = (1 - \phi)(\rho C_p)_f + \phi(\rho C_p)_s, \tag{2.9}$$

$$\frac{k_n}{k_f} = \frac{k_s + 2k_f - 2\phi(k_f - k_s)}{k_s + 2k_f + \phi(k_f - k_s)}. \tag{2.10}$$

The following similarity transformations can be written in the dimensionless form of the boundary layer equations

$$u = cx \frac{df}{d\xi}, \quad v = c(m-1)y \frac{df}{d\xi}, \quad w = -\sqrt{c \frac{\mu_f}{\rho_f}} mf(\xi),$$

$$\xi = \sqrt{\frac{c\rho_f}{\mu_f}} z, \quad \theta(\xi) = \frac{T - T_\infty}{T_f - T_\infty}. \tag{2.11}$$

The radiative heat flux using the Rosseland approximation [25] is given as

$$q_r = -\frac{16\sigma'}{3k_l} T^3 \frac{\partial T}{\partial z}. \tag{2.12}$$

Therefore, Eq.(2.4) takes the form

$$u \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \alpha_n \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} - \frac{16\sigma' T_\infty^3}{3k_l (\rho C_p)_n} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\mu_l}{(\rho C_p)_n} \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right)^2 - \frac{Q_0}{(\rho C_p)_n} (T - T_\infty). \tag{2.13}$$

The dimensionless quantities are presented as follows

$$M = \frac{\sigma B_0^2}{(C_p)_f}, \quad K_p = \frac{\mu_f}{\rho_f c K'_p}, \quad R = \frac{16\sigma' T_\infty^3}{3k_f k_l}, \quad E_c = \frac{\mu_f}{(T_f - T_\infty)(\rho C_p)_f},$$

$$\text{Pr} = \frac{\mu_f (\rho C_p)_f}{\rho_f k_f}, \quad A = \frac{a}{c}, \quad k = \frac{k_n}{k_f}, \quad \text{Gr} = \frac{\mu_f g \beta (T_f - T_\infty)}{\rho_f (\rho C_p)_f}, \quad \chi = \frac{Q_0}{(C_p)_f^2}. \tag{2.14}$$

Using Eqs (2.6)-(2.11) and Eq.(2.14), Eqs (2.2), (2.3) and (2.13) can be transformed into nonlinear coupled ordinary differential equations as

$$\left(1 + \frac{3}{2} \phi_l \lambda \right) \frac{d^3 f}{d\xi^3} + (1 - \phi)^{2.5} \left[1 - \phi + \left(\frac{\rho_s}{\rho_f} \right) \phi \right] \left[mf \frac{d^2 f}{d\xi^2} - \left(\frac{df}{d\xi} \right)^2 \right] +$$

$$- \left[(1 - \phi)^{2.5} M + K_p \right] \frac{df}{d\xi} - \text{Gr} \theta = 0, \tag{2.15}$$

$$\frac{1}{Pr}(k+R)\frac{d^2\theta}{d\xi^2} + \frac{Ecm^2}{(1-\phi)^{2.5}}\left(\frac{df}{d\xi}\right)^2 + \left[1-\phi + \left\{\frac{(\rho C_p)_s}{(\rho C_p)_f}\right\}\phi\right]mf\frac{d\theta}{d\xi} + \chi\theta = 0. \quad (2.16)$$

The transformed boundary conditions are

$$f = f_w, \quad \frac{df}{d\xi} = A, \quad \frac{d\theta}{d\xi} = -B_i(1-\theta) \quad \text{at} \quad \xi = 0, \quad (2.17)$$

$$\frac{df}{d\xi} \rightarrow 0, \quad \theta \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad \xi \rightarrow \infty.$$

Here, $f_w = \frac{w}{m\sqrt{\left(\frac{c\mu_f}{\rho_f}\right)}}$ with $f_w > 0$, $A = \frac{a}{c}$ and $B_i = \frac{h}{k_f}\sqrt{\frac{\mu_f}{c\rho_f}}$.

The physical quantities of practical interest are the skin friction coefficient and heat transfer rate which can be expressed as

$$C_f = -\frac{\tau_w}{\rho_f(u_w)^2}; \quad Nu_x = -\frac{xq_w}{k_f(T_f - T_\infty)}; \quad (2.18)$$

$$\tau_w = \mu_f\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}\right)_{z=0}; \quad q_w = -k_f\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial z}\right)_{z=0}; \quad (2.19)$$

In Eq.(2.19), τ_w represents the wall shear stress at the shrinking surface and q_w is the wall heat flux from the shrinking surface. Using the similarity transformation, the skin friction coefficient and local Nusselt number can be represented as

$$C_f\sqrt{Re_x} = \frac{f''(0)}{\sqrt{A}(1-\phi)^{2.5}}, \quad \frac{Nu_x}{\sqrt{Re_x}} = -A^{-\frac{3}{2}}k\theta'(0). \quad (2.20)$$

3. Numerical solution

The coupled nonlinear ODE in Eqs (2.15)-(2.16) are solved numerically through mathematical modeling in COMSOL Multiphysics. The following transformation has been used to reduce the above system of nonlinear equations into a set of second-order nonlinear ODE

$$f = p, \quad \frac{df}{d\xi} = q \quad (3.1)$$

Equations (2.15)-(2.16) can now be written as

$$\frac{dp}{d\xi} = q, \tag{3.2}$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{3}{2}\phi_1\lambda\right)\frac{d^2q}{d\xi^2} + (1-\phi)^{2.5}\left[1 - \phi + \left(\frac{\rho_s}{\rho_f}\right)\phi\right]\left[mp\frac{dq}{d\xi} - q^2\right] + \left[(1-\phi)^{2.5}M + K_p\right]q - Gr\theta = 0, \tag{3.3}$$

$$\frac{1}{Pr}(k + R)\frac{d^2\theta}{d\xi^2} + \frac{Ecm^2}{(1-\phi)^{2.5}}q^2 + \left[1 - \phi + \left\{\frac{(\rho C_p)_s}{(\rho C_p)_f}\right\}\phi\right]mp\frac{d\theta}{d\xi} + \chi\theta = 0, \tag{3.4}$$

$$p = f_w, \quad q = A, \quad \frac{d\theta}{d\xi} = -B_i(1 - \theta) \quad \text{at} \quad \xi = 0, \tag{3.5}$$

$$q \rightarrow 0, \quad \theta \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad \xi \rightarrow \infty.$$

Equations (3.2)-(3.4) with the help of Eq.(3.5) are solved using the finite element method through COMSOL under the coefficient form PDE option.

The above equations are converted into second-order nonlinear partial differential equations that are compatible for the mathematical modeling in COMSOL Multiphysics. Due to the similarity transformation, the above equations have been converted into one-dimensional form, therefore a line geometry has been used to define the region of the solution. Under the dimensionless category, the PDE tool has been used in the solution of the equations. During the solution process, Dirichlet boundary conditions are imposed to obtain the solution of the problem. The maximum element size of the mesh is taken as 0.004 and the maximum element growth rate is taken as 1.1 and resolutions of the narrow regions are taken as 1. The table for the local skin friction coefficient and Nusselt number is as follows

Table 1. Value of the local skin friction coefficient and Nusselt number for different values of M and K_p at for $m = Gr = \chi = 2$, $Ec = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $B_i = 0.1$, $k = R = 0.5, A = -0.1$.

M	0	0.2	0.5	1	2	3
$-f''(0)$	1.10132	1.34452	1.54432	1.98765	2.02456	2.14567
$-\theta'(0)$	0.10564	0.10037	0.09987	0.095547	0.09324	0.09184
K_p	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
$-f''(0)$	1.11342	1.35435	1.56754	2.10345	2.11564	2.24565
$-\theta'(0)$	0.09956	0.09656	0.09523	0.09503	0.09433	0.09368

4. Results and discussions

The present results show the distributions of velocity and temperature for several values of dimensionless parameters. There are various physical parameters, which are involved in the differential equations. However, the results are obtained for different values of the important dimensionless parameters, which change the velocity and temperature distribution significantly.

Figure 2 indicates the velocity distribution for numerous values of A . The flow velocity increases by increasing the value of the shrinking parameter (A). Increasing the shrinking parameter enhances the velocity

distribution leading to a thicker momentum boundary layer. The velocity distribution for the permeability parameter is presented in Fig.3. The velocity of nanofluid decreases by increasing the values of the permeability parameter. It has been observed from the result that porous permeability in the fluid exerts a resistant force to reduce the velocity distribution. This force reduces the momentum boundary layer in the fluid.

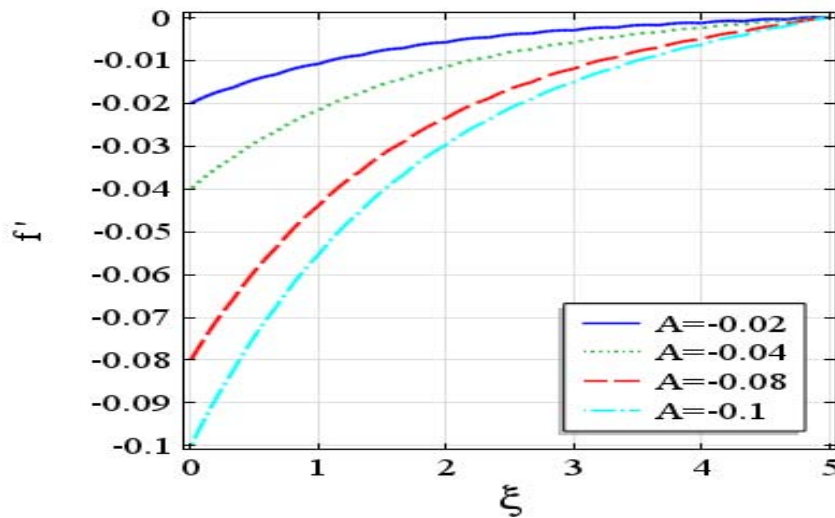


Fig.2. Velocity distribution for $m = Gr = \chi = 2$, $M = K_p = Ec = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $B_i = 0.1$, $k = R = 0.5$.

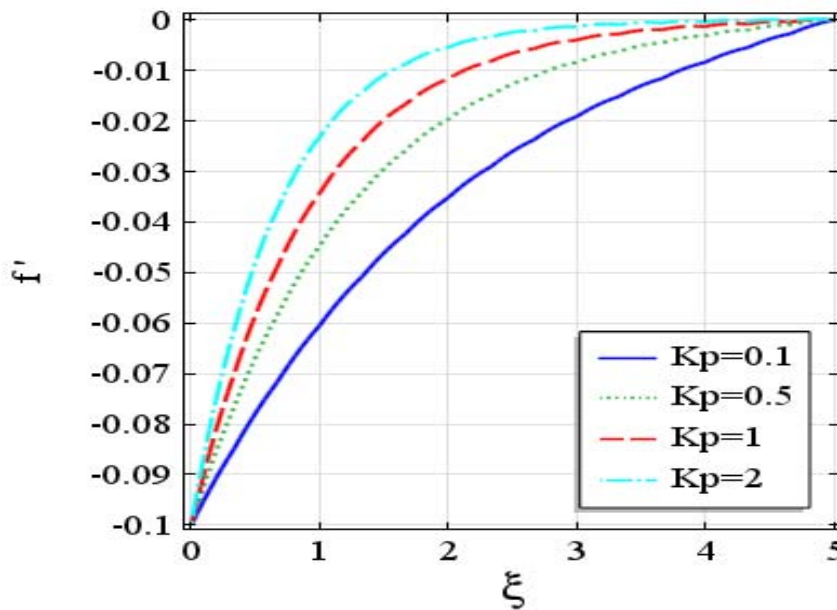


Fig.3. Velocity distribution for $m = Gr = \chi = 2$, $M = Ec = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $B_i = 0.1$, $k = R = 0.5$, $A = -0.1$.

Figure 4 depicts the velocity distribution for various values of magnetic numbers. The velocity of the fluid decreases for increasing the value of the magnetic parameter. The result indicates that the magnetic force acting on the fluid creates an additional resistance on the fluid which generates the rotational viscosity in the fluid. Increasing the viscosity of the fluid, the velocity distribution decreases. The fluid reaches a steady-state region quickly in the presence of the magnetic number. The fluid is conducting and the magnetic field is directed in the transverse direction. Therefore, due to the Lorentz force, the fluid velocity decreases

for increasing the values of the magnetic number. The effect of the volume fraction of nanoparticles on the velocity distribution is presented in Fig.5. For increasing values of the volume fraction the velocity distributions increase since the volume fraction empowers the fluid motion. Figure 6 represents the velocity distribution in the absence of thermal and heat absorption effects. Without heat and thermal effects, the pattern of velocity distribution is similar as published in the results of Nayak [2].

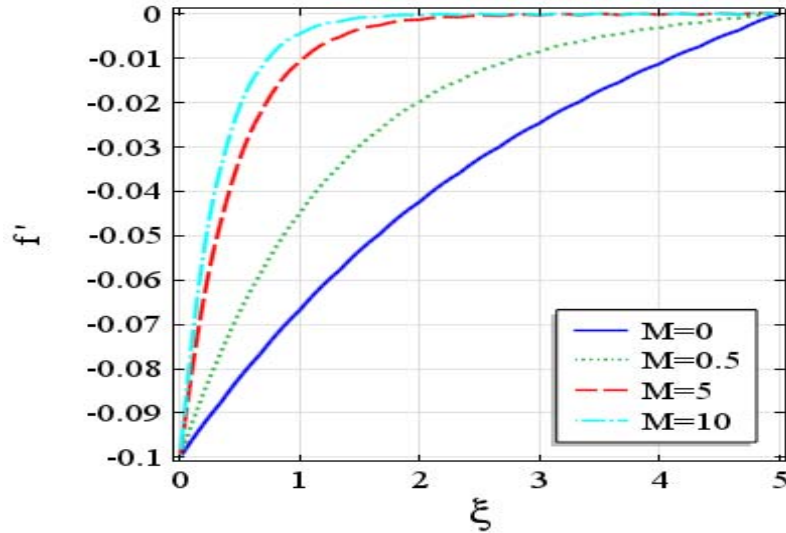


Fig.4. Velocity distribution for $m = Gr = \chi = 2$, $K_p = Ec = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $B_i = 0.1$, $k = R = 0.5$, $A = -0.1$.

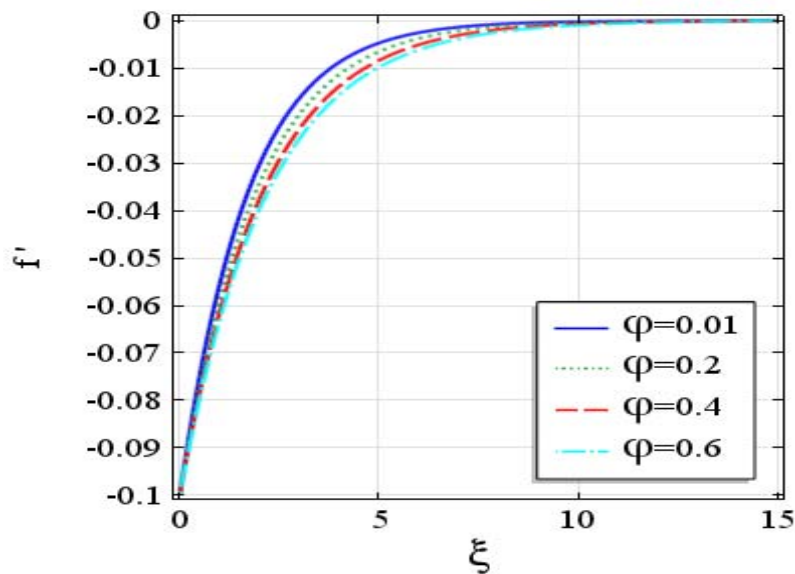


Fig.5. Velocity distribution for $m = Gr = \chi = 2$, $M = Ec = K_p = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $B_i = 0.1$, $k = R = 0.5$, $A = -0.1$.

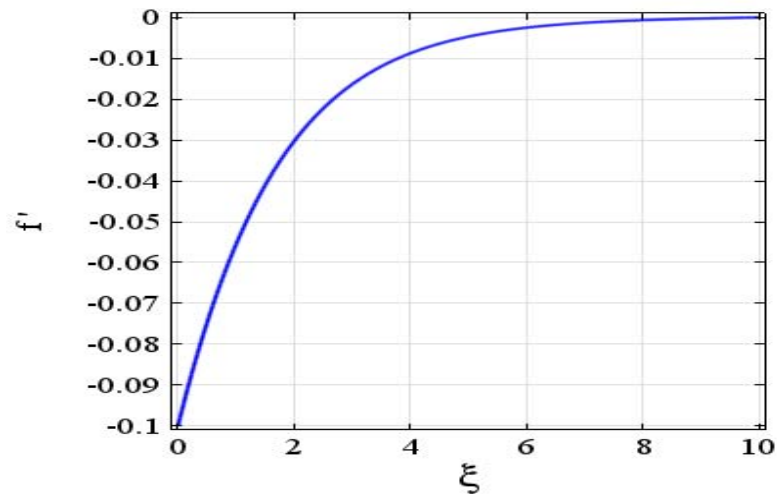


Fig.6. Velocity distribution without thermal and heat absorption parameter for $m = 2$, $M = Ec = K_p = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $B_i = 0.1$, $k = R = 0.5$, $A = -0.1$.

Figure 7 represents the heat transfer for different values of the shrinking parameter. Increasing the values of the shrinking parameter increases the heat transfer in the nanofluid. The shrinking parameter keeps the nanoparticles closer to each other. It increases the temperature of the fluid. Figure 8 depicts the temperature distribution for different values of B_i . Increasing the values of B_i increases the heat transfer in the nanofluid. increasing the values of the Biot number increases the thickness of the thermal boundary layer.

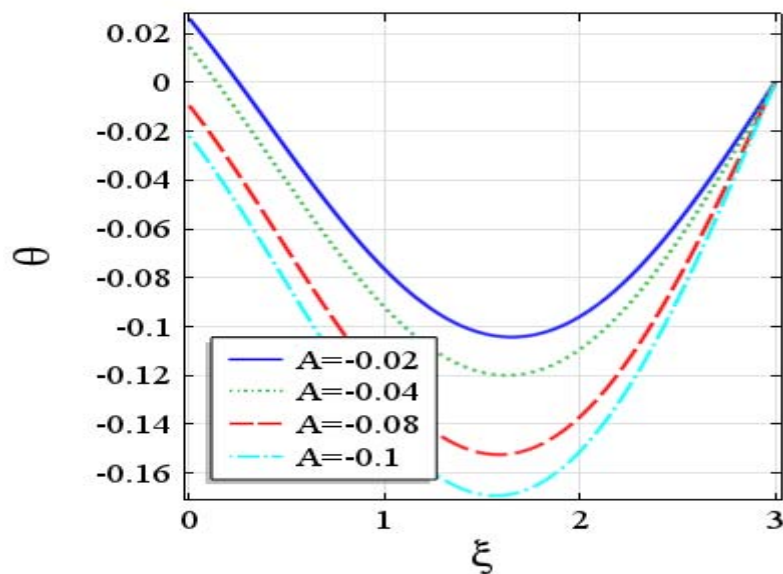


Fig.7. Temperature distribution for $m = Gr = \chi = 2$, $M = K_p = Ec = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $B_i = 0.1$, $k = R = 0.5$.

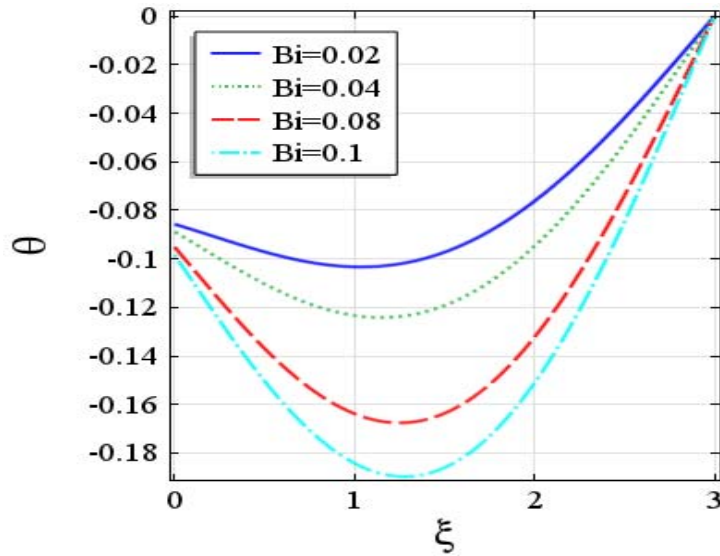


Fig.8. Temperature distribution for $m = Gr = \chi = 2$, $M = Ec = K_p = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $k = R = 0.5$, $A = -0.1$.

Figure 9 shows the temperature distributions in the presence of the heat absorption parameter. At $\chi = 1$, the temperature distribution in the nanofluid is maximum as compared to other values of heat absorption coefficients. Figure 10 shows the distribution of temperature for different values of the thermal Grashof number (Gr). It increases the thermal boundary layer in the fluid. Heat transfer in the nanofluid increases by increasing the thermal Grashof number. Moreover, an increase in volume fraction values also increases the fluid heat transfer, as shown in Fig.11. Increasing the volume fraction of the nanofluid, the Lorentz force will be more effective in shrinking the momentum boundary layer thickness. However, it will increase the temperature distribution in the fluid since magnetization is a function of temperature.

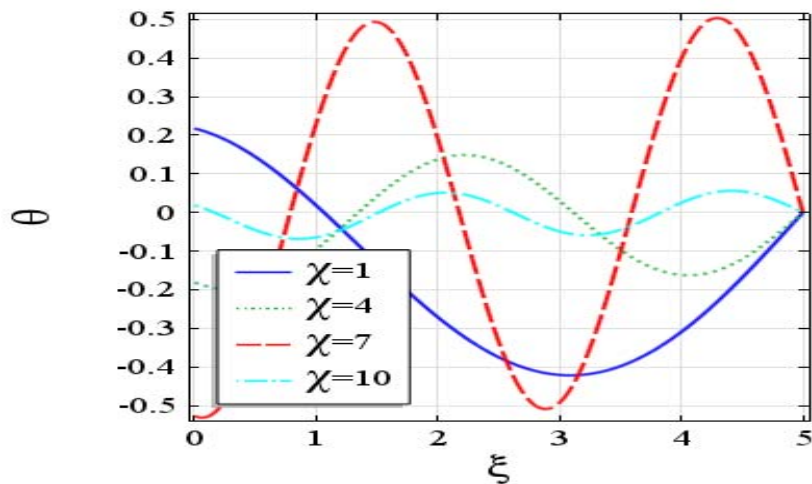


Fig.9. Temperature distribution for $m = Gr = 2$, $M = Ec = K_p = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $B_i = 0.1$, $k = R = 0.5$, $A = -0.1$.

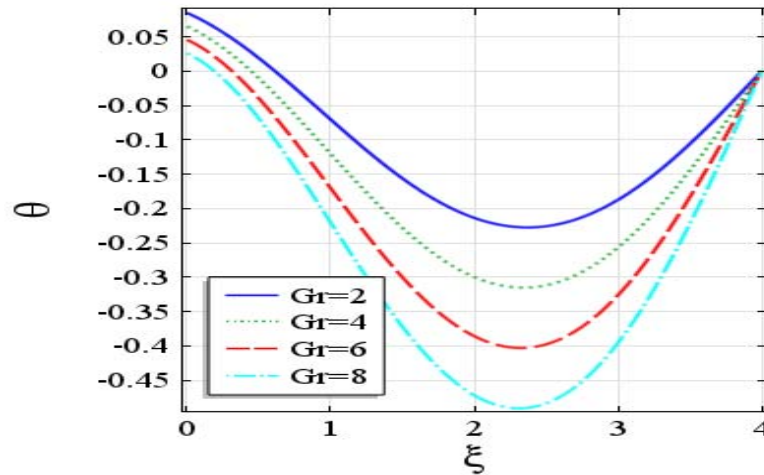


Fig.10. Temperature distribution for $m = \chi = 2$, $M = Ec = K_p = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $B_i = 0.1$, $k = R = 0.5$, $A = -0.1$.

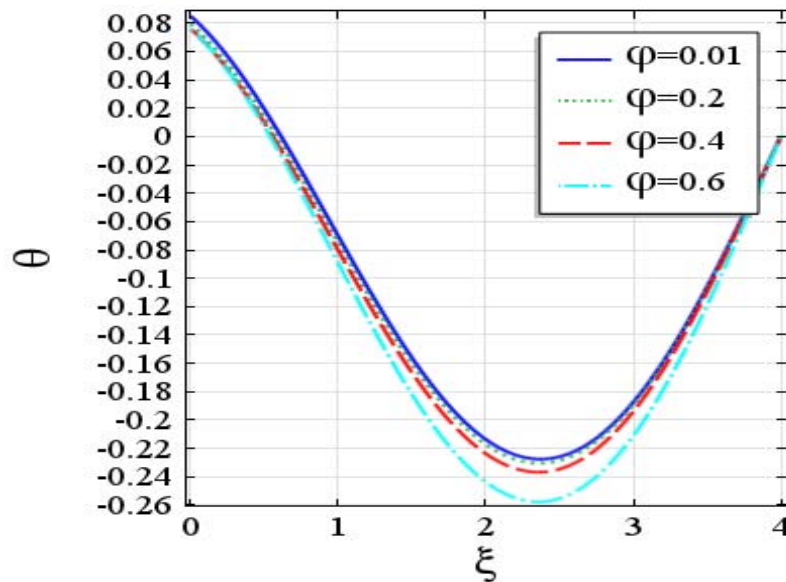


Fig.11. Temperature distribution for $m = Gr = \chi = 2$, $M = Ec = K_p = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $B_i = 0.1$, $k = R = 0.5$, $A = -0.1$.

The temperature and the permeability parameter K_p are inversely proportional to each other in the entire flow region. It has been observed in the current study that the porous permeability parameter reduces the heat transfer as shown in Fig.12. In the presence of the porous matrix, there are small decreases in the heat transfer distribution. However, far from the porous plate, there is no impact of the permeability parameter in the temperature distributions. This fact reveals that increasing values of M enhance the fluid temperature near the boundary layer, however, far from the boundary layer, the heat transfer decreases as presented in Fig.13. Temperature and magnetization are proportional to each other. Therefore, increasing the magnetic field intensity increases the heat transfer in the fluid. The temperature distribution increases for

increasing the radiation parameter and it does not make any dramatic change in the growth of the thermal boundary layer.

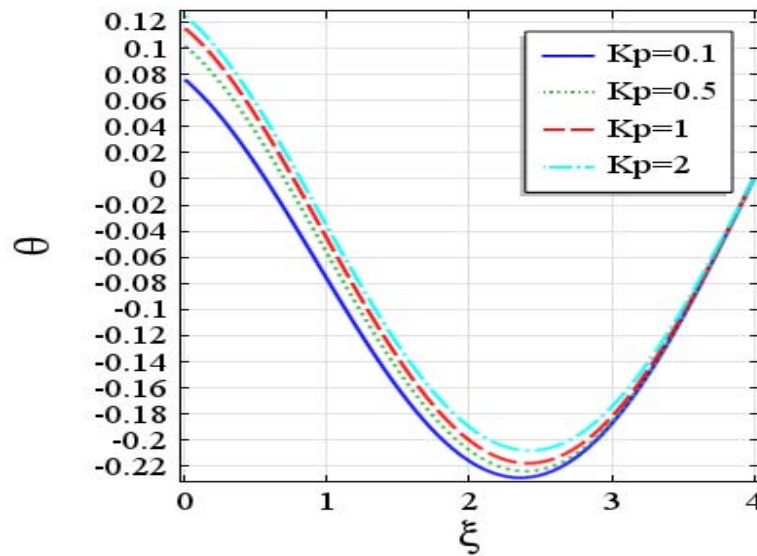


Fig.12. Temperature distribution for $m = Gr = \chi = 2$, $M = Ec = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $B_i = 0.1$, $k = R = 0.5$, $A = -0.1$.

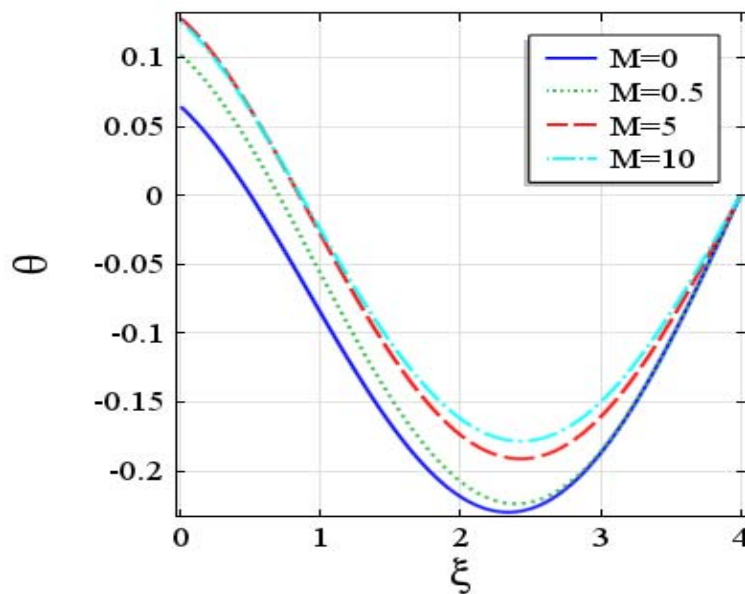


Fig.13. Temperature distribution for $m = Gr = \chi = 2$, $Ec = K_p = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $B_i = 0.1$, $k = R = 0.5$, $A = -0.1$.

For a cooling system, the radiation parameter should be very small. Figure 15 shows the temperature distribution without thermal expression $g\beta(T - T_\infty)$ and heat absorption expression $\frac{Q_0}{(\rho C_p)_n}(T - T_\infty)$. In this case, the heat transfer pattern remains similar to the pattern previously published in [2]. Table 1 represents the values of the local skin friction coefficient and the local Nusselt number. It has been observed

from the results that the local skin friction gets enhanced for increasing the values of the magnetic number and permeability parameter. However, an increase in the values of the magnetic number and medium permeability decreases the values of the Nusselt number.

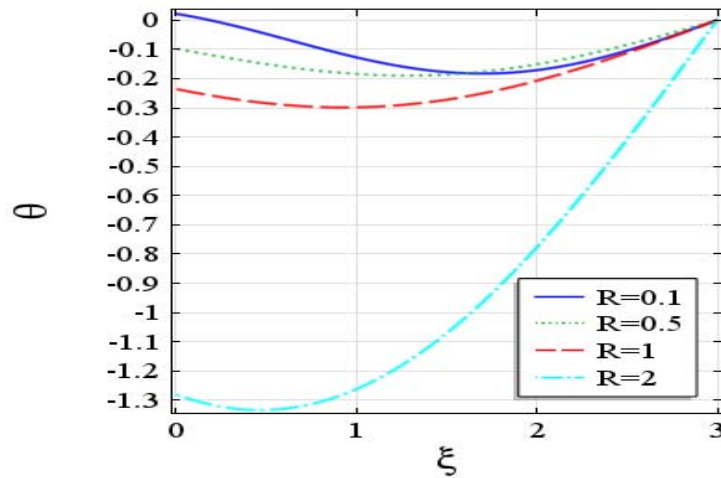


Fig.14. Temperature distribution for $m = Gr = \chi = 2$, $M = Ec = K_p = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $B_i = 0.1$, $k = 0.5$, $A = -0.1$.

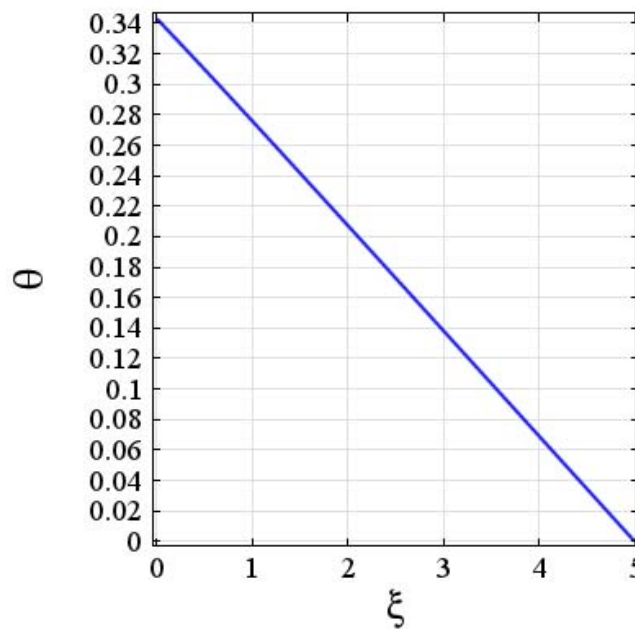


Fig.15. Temperature distribution without thermal and heat absorption parameter for $m = 2$, $M = Ec = K_p = 0.2$, $Pr = 0.71$, $f_w = 0.1$, $k = R = 0.5$, $A = -0.1$.

5. Conclusions

The conclusions from the current study can be summarized as follows:

1. The presence of the magnetic parameter (M), the permeability parameter (K_p) impedes the nanofluid motion. However, the fluid velocity has increased with increasing the values of the shrinking parameter (A) and the volume fraction of nanoparticle (ϕ) whereas other parameters have not shown any significant impact on the fluid velocity.

2. Heat transfer in the thermal boundary increases for increasing values of the shrinking parameter (A), Biot number (B_i), thermal Grashof number (Gr), nanoparticle volume fraction (ϕ) and radiation parameter (R). It has been observed that heat transfer has been decreased due to the presence of heat absorption and permeability factors in the thermal boundary layer. In the presence of the magnetic parameter, variations in the heat transfer are observed with the distance from the thermal boundary layer.

Nomenclature

- A – shrink parameter
 a, c, m – constants
 B_i – dimensionless Biot's number
 B_0 – strength of the uniform magnetic field ($Kg / s^2 A$)
 f – stream function (dimensionless)
 f' – velocity in dimensionless form
 f_w – suction parameter
 Gr – thermal Grashof number
 g – gravitational acceleration (m / s^2)
 h – heat transfer coefficient ($W / m^2 K$)
 K_p – permeability parameter in dimensionless form
 K_p' – permeability parameter
 k_l – absorption coefficient (mean)
 k_n – nanofluid thermal conductivity (W / mK)
 k_s – thermal conductivity (solid)
 M – magnetic number
 Pr – dimensionless Prandtl number
 Q_0 – the dimensionless heat absorption coefficient
 q_r – radiative type heat flux (W / m^2)
 R – parameter for radiation
 Re_x – local Reynolds number
 T – temperature (K)
 T_f – fluid temperature (K)
 T_∞ – free stream temperature (K)
 u, v, w – velocity components along (x, y, z) direction (m / s)
 W – absorption velocity (m / s)
 α_n – nanofluid thermal diffusivity (m^2 / s)
 β – thermal expansion coefficient
 μ_n – dynamic viscosity of nanofluid (kg / ms)
 ρ_n – density of nanofluid (kg / m^3)
 σ – fluid electric conductivity ($s^3 A^2 / Kgm^3$)
 σ' – Boltzmann constant ($W / m^2 K^4$)
 ξ – dimensionless independent variable
 χ – heat absorption coefficient

- $(\rho C_p)_n$ – nanofluid heat capacitance ($J / m^3 K$)
 $(\rho C_p)_s$ – heat capacitance of solid particles ($J / m^3 K$)
 λ – effective mantic parameter
 φ – nanoparticle volume fraction
 φ_l – volume fraction
 ρ_s – density of solid (kg / m^3)
 ρ_f – density of fluid (kg / m^3)
 ν – kinematic viscosity of nanofluid (m^2 / s)
 μ_f – dynamic viscosity of the fluid (kg / ms)
 $(\rho C_p)_f$ – heat capacitance (fluid) ($J / m^3 K$)
 θ – dimensionless temperature
 τ_w – wall shear stress (Kg/ms)

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